

**Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel**  
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
111 Darby Shire Circle  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Hon. Dawn Blair, (Acting Chair) Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Jaime Pittenger, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Commissioner Eric T. Clark, Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Dr. Christina Howard, University of Kentucky, Department of Pediatrics; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Centers, CHFS; Dr. William Ralston, State Medical Examiner; Detective Isaac Waters, Kentucky State Police; Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board; Elizabeth Cronney, Board of Social Work; Shelley Wood, MSN, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA and Steve Shannon, KARP, Inc.

**Welcome:**

*Hon. Dawn Blair, Acting Chair*

Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the members, due to the case analysts' schedules, the reviews will be out of order from the agenda.

**Recommendation Discussion:**

Panel discussed overdose/ingestion cases and the fact that clonidine and suboxone were the most commonly ingested substance. The Panel would like to invite a MAT prescriber to be on the panel to help provide guidance on the proper policies and procedures. Liz Cronney has a recommendation for a prescriber and Steve Shannon will follow up on the regulations surrounding MAT.

In order to qualify for the Family First Prevention Services funds, DCBS will have to take on the initial cost for prevention services. Due to this fact, they will be requesting additional budgetary funds for intensive in-home services to prevent out of home care. They will be requesting additional funds around workforce development as well. DCBS will provide additional information to panel staff to incorporate into the report. Childcare assistance and additional licensed childcare facilities are a major need in the Commonwealth. More services should be available to address secondary trauma for social workers. Especially for those workers on the special investigation teams.

Additional community resources and partners are needed to assist with the screened out referrals. DCBS is implementing a new safety model in 2020 to address the issues with centralized intake. Additional education is required to educate the professionals on the proper language and acceptance criteria used by the department to accept referrals. The state completely lacks an alternative response if the referral is screened

out. The Commonwealth currently invest \$18 million for prevention services, which equates to roughly \$150,000 per county. Additional funding must be invested for evidence-based prevention services.

Law enforcement agencies need additional training regarding the charges surrounding the overdose and ingestion cases. Panel members expressed that the Kentucky State Police are typically the easiest department to work with but how do you engage the local agencies. Law enforcement agencies need additional manpower. Additional training is needed in the judicial system to ensure consistency across the state.

In regards to the medical perspective, there are limited resources in the subspecialty of child abuse. There are limited number of doctors and nurses that are experts in that field.

Panel agreed to readopt the recommendation regarding Family Court Drug Court. AOC needs to seek additional funding opportunity to implement this program. Jefferson County has one that is privately funded and Bullitt County operates a family drug court that is possibly billed through insurance.

In regards to Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma more consistent messaging and education at every birthing hospital and expanding the message to the general public. Coroners need to continue to be encouraged to promote the local child fatality review teams.

#### **Case Review:**

The following cases were reviewed by the Panel. A case summary of findings and recommendations are attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
1	F-047-18-PH	Joel Griffith
2	F-048-18-PH	Joel Griffith
3	NF-044-18-NC	Joel Griffith
4	NF-054-18-NC	Joel Griffith
1	NF-055-18-NC	Joel Griffith
3	NF-057-18-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-065-18-NC	Joel Griffith
4	NF-075-18-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-082-18-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-083-18-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-085-18-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-024-18-NC	Joel Griffith
3	NF-071-18-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-009-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-021-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-039-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-062-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-069-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-067-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-087-18-C	Emily Neal
1	F-001-18-C	Emily Neal
4	NF-074-18-NC	Emily Neal
2	NF-078-18-C	Emily Neal
2	F-031-18-C	Ashley DeJarnette

3	NF-020-18-C	Ashley DeJarnette
3	NF-028-18-NC	Ashley DeJarnette
2	NF-081-18-C	Ashley DeJarnette
3	NF-011-18-C	Ashley DeJarnette
1	NF-066-18-C	Ashley DeJarnette
1	NF-077-18-C	Ashley DeJarnette

Panel members agreed to review the following cases via email to complete the data review for the annual report:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
4	NF-045-18-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-051-18-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-052-18-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-058-18-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-063-18-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-072-18-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-012-18-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-004-18-C	Joel Griffith

**Additional Discussions:**

**MAT Discussion** – Panel members discussed that parents are being discharged for non-compliance and there is no follow-up with DCBS or any other entities providing services to the family.

**Panel Operations** – Panel needs to have further discussion regarding consistent findings for the data tool. Panel should consider developing an orientation for new members. In regards to a legislative recommendation, the panel should add the members from the Child Welfare Oversight Advisory Committee.

**Meeting adjourned**